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Press Release

VILLA ADMITS TO RAPING CHILD

Sentenced to 2 years, followed by 7 years probation

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Former Walpole High athletic director and coach Daniel Villa, DOB 09/21/64, pled guilty to all charges against him in Norfolk Superior Court today and was sentenced to two years in jail followed by 7 years of supervised probation, Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating announced today (August 26, 2009).

Villa was indicted on three counts of Rape of a Child and two counts of Enticing a Child. Judge Paul Chernoff sentenced Villa to two years on the first and second rape indictments with 2 years concurrent on the enticing indictments. He sentenced him to 7 years probation on the third rape indictment with conditions of probation that he must register as a sex offender, submit to GPS monitoring while on probation, have no contact with the victim or the victim's family and he cannot work with any children under the age of 16. Judge Chernoff also ordered an "exclusion zone" around every school in the Commonwealth, meaning that Villa cannot set foot in any school in Massachusetts while on probation.

Villa was due in court for a regularly scheduled status date today at 2 p.m. when he entered his change of plea.

Villa was indicted by a Norfolk County Grand Jury for allegedly abusing his position at Walpole High School to cultivate contact with an underage girl that led to meetings outside of school. It was at those meeting that Villa initiated unlawful sexual contact with the girl. The case came to light in December 2008 when her parents discovered numerous text messages that Villa had sent.

Villa was arrested in Arizona as a fugitive from justice, but made bail in that state and flew unaccompanied back to Boston on December 29, 2008. He had been free on \$7,500 cash bail since his arraignment on December 30, 2008.

He was taken from the courtroom in handcuffs.

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.